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E.O. 11652: XGDS-I

TAGS: PDIP, ET, US, IT, FR, KE

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PROTECTING POWER IN ETHIOPIA

REF: ADDIS ABABA 7006

I. REFTTEL BEING REPEATED TO YOU DISCUSSES DIFFERENT  
POSSIBLE PROTECTING POWERS FOR US IN ETHIOPIA SHOULD THAT  
COUNTRY BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH US. DEPARTMENT  
AGREES WITH EMBASSY ADDIS THAT ITALY SEEMS PREFERABLE  
COUNTRY TO ASK. FRG ALSO SEEMS A GOOD CHOICE EXCEPT FOR  
THE FACT THAT WE HAVE ALREADY GIVEN THEM A COMPLICATED  
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TASK IN SERVING AS OUR PROTECTING POWER IN UGANDA.

2. WE ARE INTRIGUED BY THE POSSIBILITY THAT AN AFRICAN  
COUNTRY LIKE KENYA MIGHT ASSUME PROTECTING ROLE. HOWEVER,  
WE NOTE THAT KENYA IS PERHAPS TOO INVOLVED IN ETHIOPIAN -  
SOMALI CONFLICT, GIVEN HER RELATIONS WITH POWERS WARRING  
IN THE OGADEN.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ACTION ADDRESSEES VIEWS ON ADVISABILITY OF APPROACHING RESPECTIVE HOST GOVERNMENTS TO SERVE AS PROTECTING POWER.

4. ALL MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE EXDIS. VANCE

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